

thousands of hard working and vigilant men and women of the bureau, including the agents, analysts and support staff who serve our country. Under the director's leadership, the men and women of the FBI have effectively prevented many attacks against our country.

Bob Mueller's service to our country began long before he was sworn in as FBI Director. He has had a long career of distinguished service to our country. He served as an officer in the Marine Corps, leading a rifle platoon in Vietnam. He is the recipient of the Bronze Star, two Navy Commendation Medals, the Purple Heart and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He later served in several U.S. Attorneys' offices and in private practice before being appointed as the U.S. Attorney in San Francisco in 1998.

I wish the director and his family all the best in his next endeavors and thank him again for his service and sacrifice. He is a true patriot and a model public servant.

COMMEMORATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOWARD FLATS FARM

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in commemoration of the 200th Anniversary of the Howard Flats Farm in Hornell, New York. As agriculture is a foundational part of our American heritage, I am honored to recognize such a longstanding farm family. Agriculture is an important industry for New York as well as the country as a whole, providing a stable, safe food supply. It is essential to recognize the milestones of those families who have made substantial contributions to the economic vitality of the Empire State.

The diversified farming operation at the Howard Flats Farm, owned by Phil Bennett and his wife Juanita Bennett, includes a log home and nearby camping site that is rented as lodging during hunting season and throughout the year for recreational activities. Mr. Bennett is an active Rotarian and Farm Bureau member. He and his family also volunteer their time to many of Howard's community events and activities.

The farm has been in the Bennett family for five generations and is now managed by Phil and Juanita's son, Jay Bennett. Howard Flats Farm totals around 700 acres and is the home to an average milking-herd of 150 cows. The farm has and continues to change and expand with time and is poised for success for many years to come.

With great pleasure, I acknowledge the success of this exceptional family and its contributions to the local and State economies, fully confident that it will continue to enjoy the success it has experienced thus far.

HONORING DON HADAD

HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Don Hadad, superintendent of the St.

Vrain Valley School District in Longmont, Colorado. Don was recently named "National Superintendent of the Year" by the National Association of School Superintendents.

For the last 29 years Don has dedicated his life to improving our children's education. He began his career as a physical education teacher, and has since held the positions of assistant principal, high school principal, executive director of secondary education, assistant superintendent, deputy superintendent, and most recently, superintendent of the St. Vrain Valley School District.

As Superintendent, Don has lead by example. His visionary leadership and ideas have helped significantly develop the public schools in my district by championing educational reforms that included teacher evaluations and expanding public charter schools. He established the "Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics" Academy at Skyline High School and opened the Medical and Science Academy at Longmont High School to help advance students to secondary education.

His reforms are an example of the common sense solutions school districts across the country can implement to better serve their students and families.

Please join me today in congratulating Don Hadad on his award and on his success as superintendent of the St. Vrain Valley School District.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 429 I had to step out of the chamber and missed the opportunity to vote on this amendment.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 432 I was unavoidably detained at a personal doctor's appointment.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

REGARDING REPRESENTATIVE MURPHY'S (PA) AMENDMENT NO. 6 TO H.R. 1582 ON INTENDING TO VOTE NAY ON ROLL 430 ON AUGUST 1, 2013

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express that I intended to vote "nay" but was recorded as yea on Roll 430 on August 1, 2013 on Representative MURPHY's (PA) Amendment No. 6 to H.R. 1582.

The Rules of the House of Representatives prevent Members from changing votes after the fact, but I wish to state for the record that I fully intended to vote "nay" on Representative MURPHY's Amendment.

If enacted in law, Representative MURPHY's amendment would prevent the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other federal agencies from using the social cost of carbon (SCC) to estimate the climate benefits of rulemakings. Contrary to the intentions of the amendment, I fully support the use of the SCC by the EPA and other federal agencies to estimate the climate benefits of rulemakings. The SCC is important to interpret the impact of carbon dioxide emissions on agricultural productivity, human health, increased flood risk, and other factors which are important to my constituents in eastern North Carolina.

RECOGNIZING JESSICA BELMARES-ORTEGA

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, August 2, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor, Jessica Belmares-Ortega, an exceptional young New Mexican student. This summer, Jessica, a recent graduate of Albuquerque High School, was awarded a prestigious Ronald McDonald House HACER scholarship to attend the University of New Mexico. One of only four students in the nation to receive this scholarship, she plans to use her \$100,000 award to study medicine so she can give back to her community and help the less fortunate in our state.

A first-generation American who grew up in a Spanish-speaking environment, Jessica plans to use her bilingual skills to improve health care access and delivery in rural communities. As a volunteer at a local hospital, Jessica frequently saw Spanish-speaking families wait hours for a translator to arrive before getting a diagnosis or treatment. She believes that having more bilingual medical professionals will help mitigate this problem and improve the overall health of patients all over New Mexico.

Education has always played an important role in the Belmares-Ortega home. Although Jessica's parents, who are originally from Mexico, did not attend college, they worked hard so that their children would have the opportunity to pursue their dreams. They enrolled Jessica and her two older siblings in United States of America preschool so they would learn English at a young age. They also closely tracked their children's progress to ensure they succeeded in school.

Considering Jessica's academic achievements, strong leadership skills and dedication to her community, I am not surprised that the Ronald McDonald House chose to recognize her success with this scholarship. At Albuquerque High School, Jessica enrolled in the dual-language program, took advantage of numerous Advanced Placement and honors courses and participated in a gifted mentorship program. In college, she plans to maintain her busy schedule by enrolling in a medical laboratory program and working to advance her Spanish fluency skills.

I'm honored to represent Jessica in the United States House of Representatives, and